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# Working Better Together: Exploring ways for R&D and LCRNs to work better together.

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# Format of workshop



- 10 minutes background and overview of recent joint initiatives within our network
- 20 mins group work with one initiative per group to discuss:
  - What worked well
  - What we could have done better
  - Examples of similar initiatives in your area to share
- 10 mins summary

# Background



- 12 Foundation Trusts, 11 CCGs
- Network Model is for fully devolved delivery staff – all funds issued directly to Partner Organisations
- Core Team includes a small number of cross-network delivery staff for set up activities only
- Core Team maintains strategic investment fund and allocates monies relative to strategic growth, via specific calls or activities (amount approved via Partnership Group on a year by year basis)
- HLO performance is strong but overall recruitment numbers are relatively small nationally as this is a small network with a single Tertiary organisation (The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT)

# The Industry Collaborative



## Gastro Industry Collaborative

- Start-up: SG meeting January 2015

## Principles

- Create a virtual ‘super-unit’
- Huge cohort of patients
- Shared targets / track record
- Stream-lined processes
- Monitored; supported; performance managed

# The Industry collaborative

## Creating a high value brand

- Get the target right (feasibility) – joint forum
- “Flying start” – SPOC, joint set up, joint costing model, recruitment planning and troubleshooting
- Early warning system – monitoring of performance proactively
- Recruitment strategies e.g. adverts, primary care – pharmacy/ GP

## Outcomes (active trusts gone from 22% to 78%...)

	Before GIC (4 years)	After GIC Launch (2 years)
Number of multi-site Industry trials	1 (2-site)	5 (2x2-site; 3-site; 4-site; 5-site)
Number of active sites	2	7
Number of active PIs	3	9

# Band 5 / 7 Intern scheme



- 2 part workforce development scheme for non-medical health professionals; developing research workforce of the future
- Aims: Demonstrate impact on delivery of NIHR studies, improve engagement with clinical teams, increase opportunities for patient involvement
- 12 months fixed term funding from NENC strategic funds
- 7x Band 5 Research Nurse trainee roles (0.5 WTE) and 5 x Band 7 Research Champion roles (0.2 WTE)
- Open call for applications
- Mentor assigned
- Structured training
- Stimulated development of similar PO led initiatives

# “Green shoots” scheme



- Clinical PA sessions for new / potential PIs
- 12 months fixed term funding
- Open call, application form and evidence of support from CD, GM and R&D Director
- Evolving – this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration of the Scheme in 2017-18
  - First call 2015-16 Open for all Specialties
  - Second call 2016-17 only open for selected specialties
  - Third call 2017-18 open for commercial as well as non-Commercial applicants (2 parallel schemes)
- 2017-18 clear objectives from recipients and expectations
- Local mentorship and training – specialty group leads

# Quality Improvement



- Metrics set annually
- Financial rewards for each Partner Organisation which meets a proportion of the metrics e.g. 5/7
- Examples
  - EOI response rate (commercial feasibility)
  - Inclusion of standard information on research in clinical letters and information sheets
  - Visibility of research – cardboard cut outs
  - Board level member with responsibility for research
  - PRAs
  - QI Project carried out in year – demonstrated change
  - CRN Annual QI awards



# Small group work



Discuss one initiative

What is good about it?

What isn't so good?

What could be improved?

Could you consider it in your CRN?

Share examples of other initiatives

20 minutes



# Summary